

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 530

Introduced by Mello, 5; Carlson, 38; Council, 11; Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Karpisek, 32; Price, 3; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30.

WHEREAS, the foundation of Nebraska agriculture, farm and livestock production, occurs on 47,200 farms representing 45.6 million acres of farm land in our state; and

WHEREAS, the acres of farm land in our state amount to ninety-two and one-half percent of the state's total land area; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's farmers', ranchers', and livestock producers' ten leading commodities for cash receipts are cattle and calves, corn, soybeans, hogs, wheat, chicken eggs, dairy products, hay, dry beans, and sorghum grain, representing ninety-eight percent of the state's total cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's farmers, ranchers, and livestock producers are first in the nation for commercial red meat production, first in the nation for Great Northern bean production, and first in the nation for popcorn production; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's farm and ranch families are stewards of the land, contributing to the health, beauty, productivity, and quality of our state's water, soil, and forest resources for the benefit of all Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture, ranching, and farming sector is the core of our state's financial health and economy, generating a

financial output of over \$25.6 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska farmer, a symbol of strength and strong moral fiber, has displayed ingenuity in times of prosperity and perseverance in the face of hardships while supplying our state, nation, and world with an abundance of high quality agricultural goods and products; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska maintains a proactive role in supporting family farmers and encouraging the succession of new young farmers in an effort to raise awareness of the positive contribution farmers make in providing the necessary food and fiber of everyday life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes the importance of farmers to the State of Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature designates July 31, 2010, as Farmer Appreciation Day in Nebraska.